



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, DC

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NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN -- DOCKET OST 98-3867

This serves as notice to the public of the action described below, taken by the Department official indicated (no additional confirming order will be issued in this matter).

Application of **Southern Air Transport, Inc.** filed **5/20/98** for:

XX Exemption under 49 U.S.C. 40109 to provide the following service:

Scheduled foreign air transportation of property and mail between a point or points in the United States, via intermediate points, to a point or points in the Republic of Panama, and beyond, and to integrate this authority with its existing certificate and exemption authority.

Applicant rep.: **Pierre Murphy, 202-872-1679** DOT analyst: **Sylvia Moore, 202-366-6519**

DISPOSITION

XX Granted (subject to conditions, see below)

The above action was effective when taken: **June 18, 1998,** through **June 18, 2000**

Action taken by: **Paul L. Gretch, Director**
Office of International Aviation

XX Authority granted is consistent with the aviation agreement between the United States and the Republic of Panama.

Except to the extent exempted or waived, this authority is subject to the terms, conditions, and limitations indicated:

XX Holder's certificate of public convenience and necessity

XX Standard Exemption Conditions (attached)

Special Conditions/Remarks: The authority granted to serve intermediate and beyond points is limited to countries with which the United States has signed open-skies agreements and/or countries for which the carrier holds authority to serve under certificates or exemptions issued by the Department, and for which it holds route integration authority by virtue of either the present action or other action of the Department.

The route integration authority is subject to the condition that any service provided under this exemption shall be consistent with all applicable agreements between the United States and the foreign countries involved. Furthermore, (a) nothing in the award of the route integration authority requested should be

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construed as conferring upon Southern Air Transport rights (including fifth freedom intermediate and/or beyond rights) to serve markets where U.S. carrier entry is limited unless Southern Air Transport notifies us of its intent to serve such a market and unless and until the Department has completed any necessary selection procedures to determine which carrier(s) should be authorized to exercise such rights; and (b) should there be a request by any carrier to use the limited-entry route rights that are included in Southern Air Transport's authority by virtue of the route integration exemption granted here, but that are not then being used by Southern, the holding of such authority by route integration will not be considered as providing any preference for Southern Air Transport in a competitive carrier selection proceeding to determine which carrier(s) should be entitled to use the authority at issue.

On the basis of data officially noticeable under Rule 24(n) of the Department's regulations, we found the applicant qualified to provide the services authorized.

Under authority assigned by the Department in its regulations, 14 CFR Part 385, we found that (1) immediate action was required and was consistent with Department policy; (2) grant of the authority was consistent with the public interest; and (3) grant of the authority would not constitute a major regulatory action under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975. To the extent not granted, we denied all requests in the referenced Docket. We may amend, modify, or revoke the authority granted in this Notice at any time without hearing at our discretion.

Persons entitled to petition the Department for review of the action set forth in this Notice under the Department's regulations, 14 CFR §385.30, may file their petitions within ten (10) days after the date of issuance of this Notice. This action was effective when taken, and the filing of a petition for review will not alter such effectiveness.

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